GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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DRINKING WATER
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether I.S.I. mark has been made compulsory on the packaged drinking water packed by Small Scale Industries;

(b) if so, whether this will result into closure of the SSIs giving freeway to the multinational companies; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps taken to save domestic Small Scale Industries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) : ISI mark has been made compulsory for the Packaged Drinking Water Industry irrespective of being large scale/small scale.

(b) : No, Sir. In fact, approximately 90% of the licences granted so far belong to the Small Scale Sector.

(c) : To help small scale industries, Bureau of Indian Standards gives concession in the marking fee charged from the licensees. The marking fee for the bottled water has been fixed at Rs. 84,000/- for small scale industries and Rs. 96,000/- for large scale industries.